

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3140 **TITLE:** PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST **GRADE:** S-19

DEFINITION:

Under limited supervision, provides nutrition services to clients of County health or human service programs; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This class is the full-performance level involving the direct delivery of nutrition services. It is distinguished from the Senior Public Health Nutritionist class in that the Senior Public Nutritionist class supervises journey level professional nutritionists and paraprofessional level employees.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Assesses and evaluates nutritional needs of clients;
Develops, modifies and presents normal and therapeutic diets to clients;
Establishes food packages for clients;
Certifies and recertifies the nutritional medical status and program service eligibility of clients, families, and groups;
Provides nutritional counseling to clients;
Plans and conducts nutritional training to meet client needs;
Prepares monthly reports on nutrition program activities and issues.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of nutrition;
Ability to assess and evaluate the nutritional needs of individuals, families and groups;
Ability to develop nutrition care plans;
Ability to develop effective working relationships with a variety of individuals.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to the following:
Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in nutrition, dietetics or a related field; PLUS
One year of experience as a nutritionist.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Depending upon area of assignment, may require registration as a Dietitian by the American Dietetics Association.

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